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ConnectME Authority
Phillip Lindley, Executive Director
138 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Funding – Cathance Lake and Cooper Area

Connect ME Funding requested: \$84,600.00
Total Project Cost: \$140,000.00

Dear Members of the Connect Maine Authority,

Axiom Technologies, submits this pre-application letter to ConnectME for funding for approximately 40 homes in the Cathance Lake region and specific homes in Cooper. These homes are located in a geographically challenged area for broadband service.

Axiom Technologies is a telecommunications company located in Machias, Maine that provides broadband, Internet access options and technical computer and networking services and training to businesses and residential subscribers. For the past seven years, Axiom has been working diligently to bring high-speed, wireless broadband service to the unserved areas of Washington County. Expanding the existing network to include this specific geographical location in the Cathance Lake and Cooper region is technically viable and achievable.

Broadband availability confirmation of the unserved homes and businesses has been completed via the ConnectME Broadband Map and U.S. National Broadband Map. Axiom is a reseller of Fairpoint Communications DSL services and as such has confirmed that FPC's DSL is not available for the approximately 40 homes and businesses in this location. Time Warner Cable is also not available in this location.

Broadband Service will be delivered to the customer's premises (either business or residential) via wireless technology. During the grant application process, an engineering study will be completed to determine the most cost-effective and efficient method for broadband delivery.

Axiom's subscriber bandwidth for this project will follow the FCC recommendation of 3 Mbps to 6 Mbps and will likely be capable of 10 Mbps Symmetrical service for homes and businesses.

Axiom Technologies is committed to bringing broadband service to the unserved areas of the Cathance Lake region and specific homes in Cooper with ConnectME grant funding. Approximate total budget for the project is \$140,000.00, however, a final budget and grant request will be submitted with the final ConnectME Grant Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Susan M. Corbett'.

Susan M. Corbett, CEO